



**Jewelry**

# BEAD:

## If it has a hole in it, it's a bead!

**\*\* Beads can be made out of everything and anything:**

- Ceramic
- Wood
- Plastic - Acrylic
- Glass
- Shell
- Bone / Horn/ tusk
- Pearls
- Crystal
- Semi Precious Stone beads
- Metal
- Paper
- Seeds / nuts
- Horn

# Names for Beads

Some beads are named after what they look like others after the shapes they are.

- Seed beads, Nerd Beads, Bugle Beads, Chip Beads, Wafer Beads, etc.
- Round Beads, Square Beads, Tube Beads. Pipe Beads, etc.

# Beyond String

- Common Types of String used for beading:
  - Nylon cord – fishing line
  - Wire
  - Elastic – stretchy string
  - Hemp / jute
  - Yarn / embroidery floss thread
  - Tiger Tail – nylon coated wire
  - Leather cord
  - Plastic Cords

# Other Materials - Findings

- Jump Rings (open and closed)
- Head pins
- Eye pins
- Charms
- Spacers
- Clasps / Hooks- lobster claw, toggles, etc.
- Crimp Beads
- Bead Caps
- Buttons



# Aesthetics to Beading

- Keep in mind the elements of art...
  - Use a variety of textures, shapes, sizes.
  - Stay within the same color scheme or try opposites... look at the color wheel for ideas.
  - Choose a pattern or design – Repeating, asymmetrical, symmetrical, or random.

# Other things to keep in mind:

- Craftsmanship – carefully knot all knots so your project stays together, attach all pieces well, snip and tuck in raw edges, make precise and tight wraps, etc.
- Use beads the right size of the type of string you choose.
- Make all sides and angles look equal to each other, instead of 1 nicely finished side.

# Jewelry Unit Projects

- Create 6 clay beads
- Create 2 wrapped button / bead rings
- Create 2 stretchy bracelets
- Create 1 Memory Wire Bracelet
- Nylon String bracelet with clasps.
- Create a Japanese Staircase Bracelet
- Create a Friendship Bracelet
- Create 2 bracelets and 2 necklaces – with hemp square knot braiding techniques.
- FINAL PROJECT (s) of your choice – 1 week exploring more advanced techniques.